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In 1946 and 1947 the State put into operation 1,900 enterprises (1,100 in 1947), or an average of almost three enterprises a day for 2 years.

The ferrous metallurgy industry has exceeded planned smelting of pig iron during January and February 1948, and production of rolled iron has begun. This is an unusually early start for the rolled-iron industry. Moscow local industry has met the gross output plan for the first quarter, exceeding the first quarter of 1947 by 22 percent. Through the initiative of a Moscow worker, Anna Kuznetsova, a movement has been started for utilization of technical norms in 1948 which were designed for use in 1950.

The major tasks for 1948 are: speeding up fuel mining, improvement of construction, and utilization of new techniques in machine-building branches of industry.

Agricultural production rose 48 percent in 1947, due to the Party's work of economic consolidation of collective farms, elimination of corruption in agricultural artels, and development of better agricultural leadership. The total grain crop increased 58 percent, cotton 21 percent, and potatoes 30 percent. The sugar-beet yield was almost doubled. The number of tractors and other agricultural machines is steadily increasing. Tractor production in 1947 was 209 percent over 1946, and other farm-machinery production was up 206 percent.

This year's task is to see that an abundant harvest is reaped not only on the lands of the advanced workers, but in solid blocks over the sowing areas of entire collective farms and districts. A rich harvest in 1948, coupled with successful development of livestock raising will make it possible to supply the Soviet Union's entire population with a sufficiency of bread, sugar, meat, fats, etc.

The Soviet Union now has pacts of friendship, collaboration and reciprocal aid with all countries bordering the USSR on the west, from the Black Sea to the Baltic. The working classes in France, Italy, and Greece are on the move. At the beginning of 1948, the General Staff of the National Liberation Army of China announced the liberation of 2,390,000 square kilometers of territory with a population of 168 million people, or more than one third of the population of China. The National Liberation Army of China numbered two million men toward the end of 1947, and the local self-defense corps, four million men. The Indonesian and Malayan peoples continue their struggle against reaction.

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